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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO POLISH NOTE ON ANTARCTIC OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION

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1. RE MFA NOTE OF DECEMBER 16 (REPORTED PARA. 6, REFTEL): EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD NOTE IN REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. - - OF DECEMBER 16 CONCERNING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BY NATIONALS AND VESSELS OF POLAND IN THE AREA GOVERNED BY THE ANTARCTIC TREATY.

THE EMBASSY EXPRESSES THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE CONCERNING THE POLISH OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY AREA. SUCH INFORMATION AND ADVANCE NOTIFICATION IS FULLY CONCONANT WITH ARTICLES II, III, AND VII, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES THE EXPEDITION EVERY SUCCESS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MUTUALL BENEFICIAL CONTACTS WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THE EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THE POLISH EXPEDITION, INCLUDING THE DESIGNATION OF DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI AS POLISH ANTARCTIC OBSERVER. THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY PROVIDES THAT ONLY
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CONTRACTING PARTIES ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTA-TIVE MEETINGS UNDER ARTICLE IX MAY DESIGNATE OBSERVERS. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE UNITED STATES STATIONS IN ANTARCTICA WILL EXTEND EVERY POSSIBLE COURTESY TO THE POLISH EXPEDITION AND ITS MEMBERS, DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI'S CREDENTIALS AS AN OBSERVER WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE VII WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

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2. FYI. STATUS OF OBSERVER IS CONFERRED BY A CONSULTATIVE PARTY TO ITS NATIONALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING ANY OR ALL AREAS OF ANTARCTICA, INCLUDING FACILITIES, TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY, NOT, AS POLES SEEM TO ASSUME, TO FACILITATE A NATIONAL RESEARCH EFFORT. CONSULTATIVE PARTIES ARE THE 12 ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY AND, UNDER ARTICLE IX, PARA. 2, OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES DURING SUCH TIME AS THEY CONDUCT SUBSTANTIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN ANTARCTICA, SUCH AS ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATION OR DISPATCH

OF AN EXPEDITION. SINCE TREATY ENTERED INTO FORCE IN 1961 NO ACCEDING PARTY, OF WHICH POLAND IS ONE OF SEVEN, HAS PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY IN ANTARCTICA. THEREFORE, THE DEFINITION OF "SUBSTANTIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HAS NEVER BEEN DETERMINED. END FYI

3. WE ARE INTERESTED IN FULLEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN POLISH AND U.S. OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH PARTIES. HOWEVER, AS TO PURCHASE OF 500 TONS OF FUEL AT PALMER STATION (REFTEL, PARA 3), PLEASE INFORM POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES THAT WE REGRET WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE IT. NONETHELESS, VISIT TO PALMER BY R/V PROF. SIEDLICKI AND TRAWLER B417 WOULD BE WELCOMED. PALMER STATION PERSONNEL CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 4 OR 5 MAN PARTY. DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT DR. MCWHINNIE AND ASSISTANT ARE PRESENTLY AT PALMER. SUGGEST CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO PALMER STATION AND DOCK BECAUSE OF DANGER OF UNDERWATER PINNACLES.

5. INFO REQUESTED ON SYNOPTIC MAP PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF R/V THOMPSON WILL BE OBTAINED AND TRANSMITTED ASAP. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER
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